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CALENDAR



Tues., May 17 - Open House:

Speaker will be H. E. Dobrivoje Vidic, Yugoslavian Ambassador to the U.N. Mr. Vidic, who is celebrating his second anniversary as head of the permanent Yugoslav mission to the U.N., will sketch the development of his country during the 15 years since Tito came to power. He says he will gladly answer questions on Yugoslavian foreign policy. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

Thurs., May 19 - Preview of "Gallant Hours": (see story page 2)

Fri., May 20 - Open House: Guest Speaker - Felix Berto Serrano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, who will be in NY especially for this engagement before attending the SEATO conference at Washington late May. He will continue on to Buenos Aires as guest of the Argentine government, the only other scheduled stop during his trip from Manila.

Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, 8:30 p.m.

Tues., May 24 - Open House:

Speaker will be OPC member Marion Preminger, just back from NANA assignments in Europe and Africa. Dr. Preminger, who spends part of every year helping at the Schweitzer leper hospital in Lambarene, Gabon, will give "an unretouched portrait of Dr. Schweitzer." An authority on Schweitzerian philosophy, she will make her first report from the jungle to the club before hitting the lecture circuits. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

"Peacetime" Newsmen Jailed, Mobbed, Clubbed in Incidents Around the World

"Peacetime" assignments are not necessarily peaceful. In a rash of recent incidents around the world newsmen have been arrested, jailed, mobbed, beaten - and even kidnaped.

Last Monday AP Newsmen Dick Valeriani and Tony Ortega were released after 40 hours in a Cuban jail.

The two journalists were arrested after covering a riot between Communist and anti-Communist factions at Havana Airport on May 7.



Valeriani

They were not told of the charges, but Valeriani explained that a military intelligence agent arrested them after monitoring a story which the reporter had dictated from the airport. The agent told associates that Valeriani had "sent a bad report about Cuba."

On release the two men signed papers that said "deeds imputed had not been proven."

CBS cameramen seem particularly vulnerable to violence.

Covering the repatriation of a group of Chinese in Jakarta, CBS News Cameraman Wade Bingham, based in Tokyo, was assaulted by a mob of 150 members of a Chinese association. Police stopped the attack by firing shots into the air. Bingham's camera was smashed, but he escaped without serious injuries.

Mario Biasetti, another CBS photographer, was mobbed in Cuba, while trying to film an incident at the monument to a Cuban national hero.

Cyril Bliss, also with CBS, was clubbed by a policeman while covering the assassination attempt on Prime Minister Verwoerd in Johannesburg.

The kidnaped editor of the Greek language opposition newspaper "Ethniki" was found, bound and gagged, in a cave outside Nicosia in Cyprus on May 6.

Antonis Pharmakides, an outspoken

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Predictions of growing reaction of Russian government to Russian public opinion, leading to greater allocation of raw materials to consumer goods, and of serious trouble within ten years between Russia and China were made by speakers at the May 5 book night. Book under discussion was "To Moscow - And Beyond," by The New York Times' Harrison Salisbury. Appearing on the program were, standing, Salisbury and John Luter, OPC president. Seated are Norman Cousins, The Saturday Review; John Barkham, The Saturday Review Syndicate; and John Scott, Time, Inc.

BOOST TO WPC DRIVE

Two gifts of \$100 each for the World Press Center Fund were announced this week. The contributions are from the United Nations Mission for THE SUDAN and from World Brotherhood.

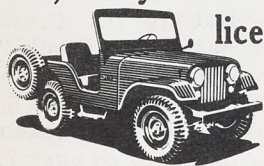
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PEOPLE & PLACES

Joseph M. Levy, PR advisor to the French Embassy for the last 9 years, was awarded the Legion of Honor with rank of officer for his service to France and the U.S. by Ambassador Herve Alphand at recent Wash. ceremony . . . In from BBC, London: **Barrie Thorne**, former North American Representative. Contactable at New Western Hotel or BBC NY office, May 11-June 4 . . . 1960 Foreign Press Awards to: **Alex Faulkner**, Daily Telegraph & Morning Post, London, who tied with **Stephane Groueff** of Paris-Match in division covering U.S. art & cultural reporting; Award of Merit plaque to **Arthur Steiner**, quick mag. Munich . . .

Capt. Paul Atrochin assigned to Army Pictorial Center, Astoria, L.I., after returning from 13 months in Korea as commanding officer, UN Command, 8th Army Photo Facility . . . **Arnold Snyder**, prod. of ABC's "News Around the World", left with wife Joyce for 3-week stay in the West Indies, to tape interviews with leading figures in Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Virgin Islands. The interviews will be aired on ABC news programs . . . **Ansel E. Talbert** left Apr. 30 for the annual convention of Aviation Writers Assoc. of No. Amer., of which he was past pres., and will visit guided missile centers in Cal. & Tex. . . . **Gene King**, U.S. programming chief of Radio Liberty, directed a discussion of "radio today" at Inst. of Education luncheon May 6 . . . **Charles Hodges** was given a dinner at NYU Apr. 22 to mark his 41 years of service, during which he developed the basic program for world politics study at the university . . . **Bernard Eismann**, CBS News, left for W.Va. primary coverage after swing through Indiana and Ohio . . .

Gwen Dew Buchanan, Scottsdale, Ariz., is travel ed of 6-month old mag, Point West . . . "Let's Try Barter", non-fiction by **Charles Morrow Wilson**, published late last month . . . **Ralph Cayton** and his PR firm, Cayton-Klempner, doing press work for Nat'l Democratic Committee's N.Y. telethon . . . **Jack Harrison**

Pollack collaborated with Sec. of Labor Mitchell on a May 1 This Week article called "Nobody Should Turn Down the Vice Presidency" . . . **K. John Dosmar** off to Paris, Vienna, Munich and Frankfurt . . .

Harrison Forman back from a 160-mile trek into the relatively unexplored jungles of Malaya . . . **Gertrude Samuels** received "1960 Spirit of Achievement Award" from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva Univ. . . .

Gregor Ziemer elected Nat'l Sec., Board of Governors, APRA. **H. Walton Cloke** elected Nat'l Pres. . . . **Roland Gammon** has an article in May Pageant on "America's Most Beloved Churches" and one on "How to start a Church" in May Good Housekeeping . . .

Tom Marvel's piece on "Vin Rose" in May Gentleman's Quarterly . . . **Eugene J. Taylor**, NY Times, in Caracas May 1-8 for teaching seminar in rehabilitation . . . World-Tele. reporter **Bernard Krisher** married May 1 in NY to Miss Akiko Yaginuma of Tokyo . . .

MARTIN TO BERLIN

Dwight Martin has been appointed Berlin bureau chief for Newsweek. He was formerly Havana bureau chief for Time, Inc., and has reported from Vienna and the Far East. He succeeds Peter Webb, who was named chief of the Newsweek London bureau.

"Gallant Hours" Preview

"Gallant Hours," starring James Cagney, will be previewed by 60 OPC members and guests at 8 p.m. May 19.

The film, which tells the story of Admiral William F. Halsey's victory at Guadalcanal, will be shown at the United Artists Preview Theater, 14th floor, 729 7th Ave.

Tickets may be picked up for members and one guest each at the OPC reception desk.

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..... Edited by CHARLES KLENSCH

GENEVA... from WALTER HACKETT

Abe Rosenthal's sister, Mrs. Rose Newman, beat the NYTimes in getting the news to him that he had won a Pulitzer for his reporting from Poland. Abe, his wife Ann-Marie and Bob Daley, Times roving Euro sportswriter, were birthday-partying the night of May 2 at Abe's home in nearby Coppet when the call came from Mrs. Newman. She reported hearing the prize report on a radio newscast.

Earlier the Times had advised its London buo, which in turn put a call through to Geneva — but Long Distance snafued.

'As soon as we got the news,' Abe said, 'my wife whipped the birthday bottle of champagne out of the refrigerator. And then — when everything had quieted down — I wrote a story about the nuclear knf.'

LONDON... from JAY AXELBANK

Louis Rukeyser, BaltSun, and Bob Baker, WashPost, have just completed a hum-dinger of an assignment—prowling the Canterbury neighborhood, straining (without success) to hear the mysterious 'hum' which has been reported along the SW coast of England. The elusive 'hum' has even been brought up in Parliament (by an MP who presumably keeps his political ear to the ground).

Nick Chriss has been appointed UPI-London day ed; Richard Growald, night ed.... Inez Robb, UniFeatures, and Relman (Pat) Morin, AP, among those here for Jones wedding.... Joe Harsch, NBC sr Euro corr, dined with Marquis Childs, who stopped enroute to Paris for summit.... An 8-lb son born here May 1 to Kathleen (Mrs. Derek) Montefiore, dtr of Dick Kasischke, AP-Johannesburg buochief.

MOSCOW... from ALINE MOSBY

It was a bizarre sight, even for Moscow: Three Russians serenading a roomful of correspondents at an Aragvy restaurant dinner party. The singing Russians—Izvestia ed Alexei Adzhubei, K's son-in-law; Pravda ed Pavel Satyukov and Fgn min press chief Mikhail Kharlamov. Stan Johnson, AP, hosted the party for ex-Muscovite E. Clifton (&Mrs) Daniel, NYTimes. Other guests included USAmb (&Mrs) LLewellyn Thompson. In response to the impromptu Russian songfest, the Americans (led by Mrs. Thompson) managed to remember the words of 'I've Been Working on the RR' and other oldies—to show the Russians we can sing, too.

Henry Shapiro, UPI, Ed Stevens, Time, and Osgood Caruthers, NYTimes, also soired the Daniels.

Pete Kumpa, BaltSun, did his vodka&caviar bit for visiting Sun ed Philip Wagner.... Tom Lambert, NYHerTrib, introduced touring colleague Robert Troth, Trib science writer, to the crew at the Cntl Tgf Ofc.... Donald (&Mrs) Newhouse of the Jersey(City)Jnl and 13 other Newhouse papers among the many American tourists in town for Mayday rally.... Robert Korengold, UPI, currently catching up on sleep on month's US leave.

TAIPEI... from GERALDINE FITCH

Here for a five-day visit is Charles S. Stevenson, civilian aide to Army secy Brucker, to survey Fareast US forces for Army Mag, which he edits. Other recent visitors: Dean Schoelkopf, MnplsTrib ed Norman (&Mrs) Skarewitz of CBS Inge Galtung, Norwegian UN corr.... Mrs Dennis Bloodworth, whose husband—a LonSunObserver corr—will soon join her here.... Antonio Escoda, AP—Manila, one of 13 Filipino newsmen who accompanied Philippine Pres Garcia on state visit here.

Your Taipei correspondent back from week's fact-finding in Hongkong.

JOBURG... from DICK KASISCHKE

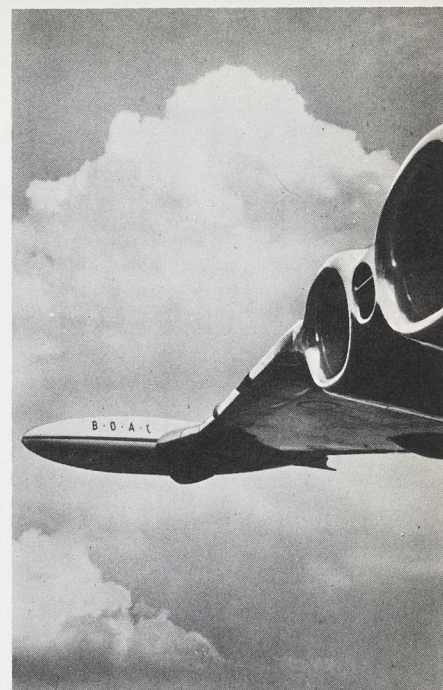
The fgn press invasion of SAfrica has thinned out—'until next time.' Charley Arnot, ABC-Cairo, left May 3 for Belgian Congo. Welles Hangen, NBC-Cairo, on same Comet to Khartoum. Winston Burdett, CBS, left a couple of days earlier to return to Rome. But feature writer Saul Pett, AP-NY, was scheduled to arrive May 5 for a month's African tour—accompanied by Photog Dennis Royle, Ap-London.

Arnot left in blaze of frontpage publicity—as SAfrican press played up agency playbacks of his Capetown TV interview with acting cabinet chief Paul Oliver Sauer.

MADRID... from THURSTON MACAULEY

The small US presscorps turned out with USAF and USEmb P10s at a farewell dinner at La Barraca for LtCol George Schenkein, info dir, 16th AF (Spain-Morocco) at Torrejon AB near Madrid, for the past 3 yrs. Guests included LtGen H. K. Mooney, 16th AF cmdr, who is himself returning U.S. this summer. Schenkein and family sail from Algeciras aboard SS Constitution May 14. He will be info dir for MATS EASTAF HQ at Mguire AFB near NYC. Schenkein will be greatly missed here.

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Marty Asks Handout - Gets Hand OFF Test Tower

By *Marty Gershen*

Some guys'll do anything for a buck. Others get shanghaied into it.

Take me, for example. Reporting for The Stars and Stripes, I find myself one day in Mainz, Germany, covering the 505th Infantry, Paratroopers.

My job is to do a story on what it feels like to jump.

Now nobody expects you to kill yourself in this business any longer. You want to know what it feels like to jump, you see the PIO. He has a handout.

So I see the information officer, Lt. Jerry Sutton. I take some notes. I need a few more, so he takes me to see some of the boys.

Those troopers are nice but they brag too much. You'd think jumping is a big deal. Anyway, I get my story and am all set.

Until my photographer, Gene Bane, decides he wants some pictures, agrees to go to Wiesbaden Air Base.

It's foggy at the air base. Two hour delay. Sutton says, "You should write a story about our 34-foot jump tower out here."

You've got to watch these PIO's. Try to be nice, they'll peddle you some fillers. Come to write about guys jumping from planes, they'll sell a 34-foot tower.

You play it cool with people like that. Be cynical; cut him off short.

"Big deal . . . 34-foot tower . . . what's it for, the kid's playground?"

It works. He shuts up. But not for long. "If you'd like to jump from it, I could make the arrangements."

Wise guy. I finished my war in '45, and my biggest jump was from the gunwale of my landing craft to take a swim. Height scares me.

I call his bluff. I know they won't let me do anything dangerous without permission from the Pentagon.

He turns to this major that runs the tower, Adolph Warnecke, and asks if I could jump. Of course, the major says no. Like I said.

All this time we're walking, and first thing you know you could see the darn tower in the fog. It looks like an out-house on stilts.

"Would you like to go up," he asks. It can't hurt now, so I say OK.

We go up four flights of stairs, and I take a look down.

You know something? That tower is high. You could kill yourself, falling down there.

The sergeant explains what it's for. "A straight leg volunteers for the paratroops, first thing they do is send him up the tower. More than 50 percent of the volunteers chicken out here and go back to the infantry."

I tell the sergeant his information is

very interesting and I will include it in my story.

I finally make it to the bottom of the tower, safe and all smiles. And there are Sutton and Warnecke and Bane, all smiles, too.

Sutton's got a big legal looking paper. "The major says you may jump if you sign this paper," he says.

I mean this calls for a little fast thinking. "What paper," I stall.

"Just sign it. All it does is absolve the Army of all blame in case you get killed or crippled."



"Geronimo," he cried!

No one ever got killed signing papers. I could always talk my way out afterwards. I sign the paper.

Then my friend and fellow worker, Bane, pipes up. "Hey, come on up the tower with me. I need your help."

The dirty rat. We've been on lots of stories together. He never needed my help before. But I'm stuck. So back up the tower we go.

"Now Marty" says Sutton, "you're not scared, are you?" And before I know it he's putting this jump harness on me and edging me toward the door that has no stairs. "Look, I never did this before," I say.

Sutton's still explaining . . . "the sergeant'll tap you on the buttocks and you jump."

So I'm standing at the doorway of this shack on stilts and I feel this tap.

"Jump," says the sergeant. I freeze. There's another tap.

"When I say jump, JUMP," he yells.

Well, as any enlisted man can tell you, when the sergeant says jump, you JUMP.

"Geronimo," I croak weakly and then I'm gone.

Like I said in the beginning, you've got to watch these PIO's. That Sutton never should've joined the Army. He belongs on Madison Avenue. He'd slay 'em.

U.S., FRENCH PRESS TOURS COMPARED; WE LOSE

By Serge Fliegers
(Hearst European Correspondent)

This started out as a story comparing press facilities on General de Gaulle's tour of the United States, and Krushchev's recent swing through France.

Frankly, the balance was going to dip in favor of *les etats unis*.

On the de Gaulle trip, for example, we had no limit on the number of correspondents. We had no second class press credentials, no lottery-type assignments of scarce seats.

We followed the general on a sleek jet, and TWA's chief steward Charles Zambello served us "*maries sanglantes*" and spoke soothingly in a multitude of languages.

In France, we were jammed into an ancient Breguet double-decker plane whose pilot kept complaining about those "*journalistes embetants*."

In Washington, New York and San Francisco we were coddled by the State Department's pleasant and efficient press officers, Francis Tully and Bill Blair.

On the French trip, it is true, we had Monsieur Bourillet, of the Ministry of Information, who did his best to alleviate our pains.

But he was outnumbered by gentlemen from the Ministry of the Interior, who in Rouen, for instance, stationed two *inspecteurs* at the press room door — to keep correspondents out.

For Krushchev's press conference in Rambouillet, the police checked each correspondent half a dozen times, then penned us into an enclosure locked away from all telephones.

As I say, the comparison was very favorable to the American arrangements. But that was before we visited New Orleans.

When the de Gaulle motorcade press cars arrived at that "hospitable" southern city, our group included Marguerite Higgins, of the Herald-Trib, Paul Niven of CBS, Paul Garvey of USIA, Jacques Sallebert of the French Government Radio and TV Network, and this correspondent.

Most of us made it to press headquarters safely, but Sallebert and I were grabbed by New Orleans policemen, manhandled and — without explanation — dragged off to a police station.

The charge: "Refusing to move on."

Later we were released by the police chief and still later we were advised unofficially by apologetic New Orleans plainclothesmen not to bother showing up at court.

Sallebert followed that advice, and the magistrate immediately issued a warrant for his arrest.

Forewarned, I showed up with a lawyer, James I. McCain, recommended by local AP Bureau Chief Ken Davis.

In a novel move, McCain claimed immunity for us, saying that as accredited correspondents with the de Gaulle party, we had the same immunity as the general.

Besides being unpleasant for us, the "New Orleans incident" got worldwide coverage (*John Rich* of NBC reported that even the German papers were full of it) and did much to tarnish the bright and friendly relations we had built up during the de Gaulle visit.

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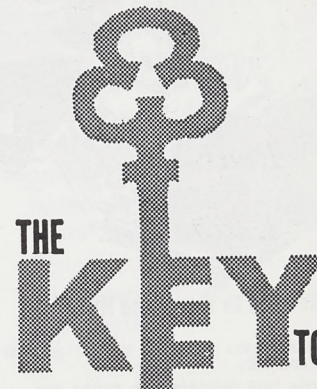
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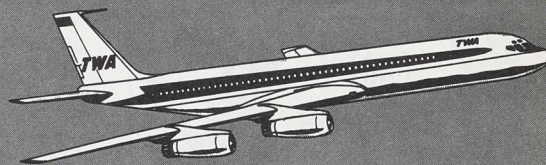
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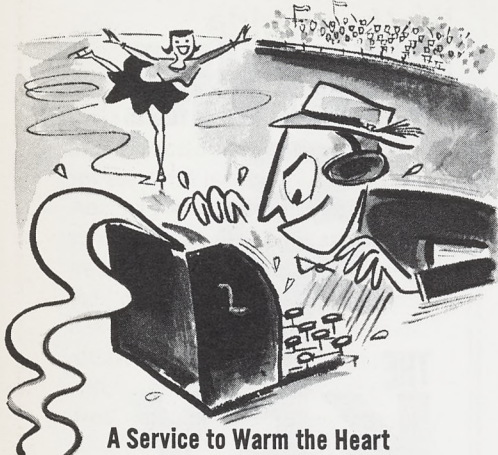
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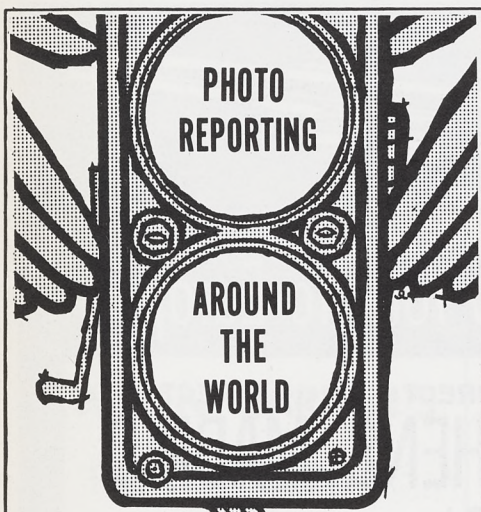
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CARACAS...from EVERETT BAUMAN

Dr. Manuel Perez Guerrero, govt planning coordinator, addressed an OPC luncheon mtg here. Chapt pres Dick Massock, AP Carib chief, was presiding at his 1st meeting since replacing Dick Hudson, ex-ME of the Caracas DlyJnl, who has left Venezuela.

On May 4, luncheon guests were the 12 Venezuelan newsmen who attended a Feb-Mar seminar at Columbia Univ and ofcls of the NAmerican Assn here which made the seminar possible.

Time sr ed Bill Forbis, former Time corr in this area, was through recently on a swing around SAmerica. He checked with Mo Garcia, Time stringer, and renewed govt and personal acquaintances.

Bertram Johanssen, OPC prize-winning LatAm ed for the ChriSciMon, stayed about a wk in Caracas bringing himself up-to-date on the Betancourt regime. From here he flew to Bogota—for his first trip to Colombia.

AP's Massock and Joseph Arthur Taylor, UPI buochief, were kept busy the week after Easter covering the 24-hr Andes garrison revolt. Taylor stayed on base in Caracas. Massock flew back from Panama.

NOTICE

The Clubhouse will be closed all day, Monday, May 30. (Memorial Day).



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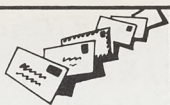
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LETTERS



Dear Colleagues:

This is for the governing body of our Club and for the Freedom of the Press Committee.

The Taipei-published magazine, *Free China*, Feb. issue, in its news columns, under Hong Kong heading, carries this:

"A haggard Chinese woman faced some 30 pressmen in Hong Kong one day in late December and begged them to 'do all you can' to secure the release of her son from Communist detention . . . The woman who made this fruitless appeal is Mrs. Yim Tsan-wong. Her son, UPI staff member Bill Yuen-lo, was assigned to go to Canton in June last year to interview William Downey, one of the Americans imprisoned by the Reds. He was himself jailed by the Reds for unknown charge. During the half year period since Bill was known to be detained by the Communists, UPI had sought assistance from the International Red Cross as well as Communist authorities in Canton and Peiping but received no reply."

I have found in my many years abroad that the greatest setback to the U.S. reputation is our inclination to put people out on a limb, and when they get into trouble, to either turn our backs, or go off arm-in-arm with the persecutors. This adds up in contempt for us. And in the cold-hot war, it could be the difference between our isolation for ultimate liquidation, and our survival for growth. This is basic.

I urge the OPC to publicize this matter, keep it alive, take a definite stand on it — with some action. The action should be to let the world press know that until such time as these crimes against Americans and those for whom Americans accept responsibility are ended, there can be no question of even discussion of American newspapermen going into Red China.

Of course, I feel this letter should be published in our Bulletin. I would like to know exactly what we have done specifically in this case, and what we are doing. That it has dragged along this way is a horrible blot upon us. When we hire a man, give him an assignment, and send him into a land which has been making a big issue of cultural exchange, we have a very definite responsibility, certainly moral if not legal. And it is the moral that weighs heaviest as time goes on.

Fraternally,
Edward Hunter

Norman College, Norman Park, Ga.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee, Stan Swinton, announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ASSOCIATE

Herbert Silverman — Conde Nast Public.
Shirley Tucker — Seventeen Mag. 1948/52
Helen Lowe Vanderburg — The Press Woman

"PEACETIME" NEWSMEN

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critic of Greek Cypriot Leader Archbishop Makarios, disappeared from his home 12 days earlier.

British security officials would not comment on the possible identities of the kidnapers and it was not known how much information Pharmakides was able to supply.

"Foreign" correspondents are not safe even in our own country — two newsmen from France were arrested in New Orleans while covering the de Gaulle trip. Police arrested *Serge Fleigers*, European correspondent for Hearst, and Jacques Sallebert, a French Government TV newsmen. Fleigers describes the incident under his by-line on page 5.

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